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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/529,254	Applicant(s) YASUKAWA ET AL.	
	Examiner Brook Kebede	Art Unit 2823	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 9 and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 9 recites the limitation “is (are)” in line 4. However, the recited claim is some how confusing.

Claim 10 recites the limitation “is (are)” in line 3. However, the recited claim is some how confusing. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shimizu et al. (US 6,069,440).

Re claim 1, Shimizu et al. disclose a white light emitting device (see Figs. 1 and 2) , comprising: a light emitting element having a peak wavelength of 500 nm or less (see Figs. 18B, 18C and 23) (Col. ;11, lines 5-20) a first phosphor absorbing a light emitted from the light emitting element and emitting a light having a yellow wavelength different from a wavelength of the light absorbed; and a second phosphor having an emission wavelength different from at

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least that of the first phosphor (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Re claim 2, as applied to claim 1 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein: the emission wavelength is a peak wavelength of 400 nm or less (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Re claim 3, as applied to claim 1 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein: the second phosphor includes one or more of phosphors having blue through red emission wavelengths (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Re claim 4, as applied to claim 1 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein the second phosphor includes any or all of phosphors emitting a blue light, a red light, and a green light, respectively (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Re claim 8, as applied to claim 1 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein: the red, green, blue and/or yellow phosphor(s) is (are) mixed into a covering member covering the light emitting element (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Re claim 9, as applied to claim 8 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein: the red, green, blue and/or yellow phosphor(s) to be mixed into the covering member is mixed into at the vicinity of the light emitting element in a high density condition. (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

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Re claim 10, as applied to claim 8 above, Shimizu et al. disclose all the claimed limitations including wherein: the red, green, blue and/or yellow phosphor(s) is (are) further mixed also in an insulative adhesive material for fixing the light emitting element to a lead frame (see Figs. 1-26 and related text in col. 8, line 32 – Col. 30, line 63) .

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 11-15 are allowed over prior art of record.
6. Claims 5-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure Soules et al. (US 6,252,254) also disclose similar inventive subject matter.

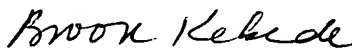
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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brook Kebede whose telephone number is (571) 272-1862. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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